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22 Nov 1942 - Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, ...
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of Scientific Research and Development, and General
H. H. Bowen.
22 Nov 1942 - ... plan approved for the Department of War by the
Deputy Chief of Staff.
12 Nov 1942 - Secretary of Army requests Secretary of War that the
Army be warranted representation on the Mission and that
Lt. Col. James H. Gill be approved as Army representa-
tive.
16 Nov 1942 - Secretary of War approves above request.
20 Nov 1942 - Appointment of Lt. Col. Harry F. Hamm as Chief of the
Mission, Organization of the Mission. Three "Advisory
Mission" selected. Capt. W. A. Starnard appointed ex-
ecutive officer. Lt. Col. William F. Allen attached
by Army Service Forces. Wg. John E. Johnson and

CHRONOLOGY OF THE ALSOS MISSION:

- 25 Sept 1943 - Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department prepares memorandum for the Chief of Staff providing for a small group of civilian scientists and the necessary military personnel, to go to Italy to conduct investigations of the enemy's secret scientific developments. Plan concurred in by Dr. Vannevar Bush, Director of the Office of Scientific Research and Development, and Major General L. R. Groves.
- 29 Sept 1943 - Above plan approved for the Secretary of War by the Deputy Chief of Staff.
- 10 Nov 1943 - Secretary of Navy requests Secretary of War that the Navy be accorded representation on the Mission and that Lt. Comdr. Bruce S. Old be approved as Navy representative.
- 16 Nov 1943 - Secretary of War approves above request.
- 26 Nov 1943 - Appointment of Lt. Col. Boris T. Pash as Chief of the Mission. Organization of the mission. Name "Alsos Mission" selected. Capt. W. B. Stanard appointed executive officer. Lt. Col. William P. Allis attached by Army Service Forces. Drs. John R. Johnson and

James B. Fisk attached by Office of Scientific Research and Development. Four interpreters selected.

14 Dec 1943 - Mission reports to Allied Forces Headquarters, Algiers, North Africa.

17 Dec 1943 - Mission headquarters established in Naples, Italy. Four CIC agents attached to Mission. Six weeks of exploiting targets in Italy.

28 Feb 1944 - Lt. Col. Fash and Lt. Col. Allis return to the War Dept., Washington, D. C.

29 Feb 1944 - Dr. Vannevar Bush, Director of OSRD, recommends to Maj. Gen. L. R. Groves that on the basis of results obtained in Italy, the Alsos Mission be continued.

3 Mar 1944 - Lt. Comdr. Old, Capt. Stanard and other Mission members return to Washington, D. C.

10 Mar 1944 - Maj. Gen. Groves recommends to AC of S, G-2, War Dept. that on the basis of Dr. Bush's recommendation and results obtained in Italy, the Alsos Mission be continued.

25 Mar 1944 - Maj. Gen. S. G. Henry, Chief of New Developments Division, War Department recommends to AC of S, G-2, War Dept. that the Alsos Mission be continued.

1 Apr 1944 - AC of S, G-2, War Dept. prepares memorandum for the Chief of Staff recommending the organization in the Military Intelligence Division of the scientific intelligence mission on a permanent basis.

- 4 Apr 1944 - Above recommendation approved for the Secretary of War by the Deputy Chief of Staff.
- 4 Apr 1944 - Colonel G. P. Nicholas, GSC, designated by AC of S, G-2, War Dept. as responsible for general supervision of the Mission.
- 4 Apr 1944 - Lt. Col. Pash named chief of the permanent mission.
- 8 Apr 1944 - AC of S, G-2, War Dept. informs Navy Dept. and OSRD of the formation of a scientific intelligence mission, invites their participation.
- 18 Apr 1944 - OSRD assures AC of S, G-2, War Dept. that it will co-operate fully in the scientific intelligence mission.
- 28 Apr 1944 - Chief of Naval Operations concurs in establishment of Mission, believes Navy should be represented.
- 2 May 1944 - Major R. C. Ham, Inf., reports for duty with Alsos at the War Department, Washington, D. C.
- 3 May 1944 - AC of S, G-2, War Dept. informs Chief of Staff, ETOUSA as to the Mission, outlines its organization and objectives. Requests assignments, as necessary, of CIC agents, clerks-stenographers, vehicles, and other equipment.
- 11 May 1944 - Hon. Henry Stimson, Secretary of War, requests General of the Army Eisenhower to assist the mission in its operations in the ETO.
- 11 May 1944 - AC of S, G-2, War Dept. prepares memorandum for the Chief of Staff containing a detailed plan of organization and a proposed operational procedure for the

Mission (Basic Directive), subsequently approved by the Deputy Chief of Staff for the Secretary of War.

27 May 1944 - Alsos Advisory Committee established by the directive. R. T. Zahade, Senior Alsos Naval Officer, leaves.

11 May 1944 - Lt. R. C. Augustine reports for duty with Alsos at Washington.

14 May 1944 - Lt. Col. Pash goes to London, reports to Lt. Gen. W. Bedell Smith, Chief of Staff, ETOUSA, for establishment of Mission in ETO.

14 May 1944 - Preliminary arrangements for Alsos in ETO completed with Maj. Gen. Royal Lord, Deputy Chief of Staff, ETOUSA.

15 May 1944 - London office of Alsos Mission opened.

15 May 1944 - Dr. Samuel A. Goudsmit designated by OSRD as Scientific Chief of Mission.

17 May 1944 - Colonel James M. Roamer, Director of Intelligence, Army Service Forces, informs technical services of ASF of establishment of Mission and requests Services to state information desired to be developed by the Mission.

19 May 1944 - Colonel C. F. Nicholas appointed as AC of S, G-2, War Dept. representative on Alsos Advisory Committee.

22 May 1944 - Lt. Col. Pash returns to Washington from London.

25 May 1944 - Dr. Goudsmit reports for duty in Washington.

30 May 1944 - AC of S, G-2, War Dept. inquires of Army Service Forces, Army Ground Forces, Army Air Forces, and

New Developments Division as to representation desired on
Mission

30 May 1944 - Lt. Col. Pash returns to London.

3 June 1944- Capt. H. T. Schade, Senior Alsos Naval Officer, leaves
Washington for London.

4 June 1944 - Lt. Col. Pash departs from London for Naples.

5 June 1944 - Lt. Col. Pash and CIC Agent Bailey enter Rome as the city
falls, exploit targets.

6 June 1944 - Dr. Goudsmit leaves for London.

8 June 1944 - Major Ham leaves for London.

10 June 1944- Lt. Col. Pash returns to London. Major Ham reports
at London office.

17 June 1944- PFC Louis Lolli detailed for duty at Alsos office in
London.

19 June 1944- Major Ham reports to Allied Forces Headquarters,
Algiers.

20 June 1944- Major Ham arrives at Naples.

21 June 1944- Major Ham arrives at Rome.

28 June 1944- Mediterranean Section office of Alsos Mission estab-
lished in Rome.

5 Aug 1944 - Lt. Col. G. R. Eckman reports for duty at MIS, War Dept.,
Washington, D. C.

7 Aug 1944 - Capt. H. J. Osborn reports for duty as Alsos liaison
officer, War Department

9 Aug 1944 - Lt. Col. Pash and CIC Agent Beaton proceed to France,
arrange plans for the Paris operation, exploit targets
on the Brittany Peninsula until 11 August.

13 Aug 1944 - Lt. Col. Eckman, Capt. R. W. Blake, and Lt. Augustine report for duty in London. Lt. Col. Eckman assumes duties as Deputy Chief of Mission.

18 Aug 1944 - Lt. Wm. Rosenberger reports for duty in London.

25 Aug 1944 - Lt. Col. Pash leads Alsos advance party (Major H. K. Calvert, CIC Agents Beatson and Leonard) into Paris, being first American unit to enter the city.

27 Aug 1944 - Scientific members of the Mission enter Paris. Alsos Paris office established at 2 Place de L'Opera.

1 Sept 1944 - Major R. A. Fisher reports for duty at Washington.

6 Sept 1944 - Lt. Col. Pash with Alsos party of four and Colonel G. Bryan Conrad, AG of S, G-2, Com. Zone, ETOUSA, proceed to Brussels and Antwerp, secure targets.

7 Sept 1944 - Lt. Comdr. Gilfallan reports to Mission at Rome.

13 Sept 1944- Major Fisher reports for duty at Rome.

18 Sept 1944- Maj. General Clayton Bissell, AG of S., G-2, War Dept. commends Lt. Col. Pash and Alsos Mission for Paris operations.

18 Sept 1944- Belgium operation led by Lt. Col. Pash and concluded

25 Sept., 1944.

20 Sept 1944- Brig. General R. A. Osmon, Chief MIS, commends Mission for Paris operation.

20 Sept 1944- London office of Alsos consolidated with Paris office.

25 Sept 1944- Alsos Paris office moved to 9 Rue Presbourg (US Navy HQ in Paris).

- 26 Sept 1944 - Southern France operation led by Col. Pash and concluded 6 October, 1944.
- 2 Oct 1944 - Major Ham and Major Fisher commence Southern France operation, proceeding from Marseilles, and conclude 18 October 1944.
- 9 Oct 1944 - Lt. Col. Pash and party from Paris on Southern France operation, conclude 15 October 1944.
- 28 Oct 1944 - Mediterranean Section office of Alsos closed.
- 8 Nov 1944 - Operation to Eupen, Belgium, concluded 10 Nov., 1944.
- 10 Nov 1944 - Major Ham, Major Fisher, CIO Agent Cerame, and Lt. Comdr. Gilfillan report for duty at Paris.
- 25 Nov 1944 - Special operation by Major Fisher and Lt. W.W. Ryan, concluded 3 December 1944.
- 25 Nov 1944 - Lt. Col. Pash, Capt. Blake, CIO Agents Fiebig, Beatson, and Leonard enter Strasbourg, commence securing targets.
- 30 Nov 1944 - Alsos advance base established at Strasbourg.
- 8 Jan 1945 - Temporary withdrawal from the Strasbourg base.
- 8 Feb 1945 - Strasbourg office reopened by Capt. Augustine, Lt. Cerame, and four enlisted men.
- 22 Feb 1945 - Cologne-Bonn operation led by Major Fisher, concluded 13 March 1945.
- 25 Feb 1945 - Northern Alsos advance base established at Aachen.
- 6 Mar 1945 - Lt. Col. Pash promoted to Colonel.
- 16 Mar 1945 - Maj. General Groves issues commendation for the results of the Strasbourg operation.

- 22 Mar 1945 - Maj. General Bissell forwards his own commendation for the Strasbourg operation.
- 22 Mar 1945 - Colonel Pash leads Ludwigshaven operation, concluded 28 March 1945.
- 30 Mar 1945 - Alsos advance base established by Colonel Pash at Heidelberg (for special operations on high priority targets).
- 30 Mar 1945 - Alsos southern operations base opened at Heidelberg.
- 10 Apr 1945 - Alsos Paris office moved to 124 Blvd Bineau, Neuilly-sur-Seine.
- 11 Apr 1945 - Alsos northern operations base established at Gottingen.
- 12 Apr 1945 - Major Fisher, Lt. Rosenberger, and CIC Agent Hicks enter Lindau, secure Prof. Osenberg, Chief of the Planning Staff of the German National Research Council (Reichsforschungsrat) with his staff and all files intact.
- 15 Apr 1945 - Stassfurt operation led by Colonel Pash, concluded 20 April, 1945.
- 16 Apr 1945 - Celle operation led by Major Fisher, concluded 20 April, 1945.
- 20 Apr 1945 - Aachen base closed, consolidated with Gottingen base.
- 21 Apr 1945 - Col. Pash leads a special task force, consisting of 49 Alsos personnel plus the 1269th Combat Engineer Battalion less one company, through southwest Germany, exploiting and securing high priority targets in Haigerloch, Hechingen, Bisingen, Thanheim, Taillfingen. Operation concluded 25 Apr 1945.

1 May 1945 - Col. Fash leads special Alpine operation to town of Urfeld in upper Bavarian Alps. German scientific leader on highly classified project closed. Operation completed 4 May 1945.

1 May 1945 - Major Ham leads Alsos party of twelve into Munich.

3 May 1945 to 6 May 1945 - Four high-priority personnel targets removed from vicinity of Munich to Heidelberg.

9 May 1945 - Three high-priority personnel targets removed to Paris.

16 May 1945- Major N. A. Fisher leaves for Washington, returns 6 June 1945.

17 May 1945- Colonel Fash leaves for Washington, returns 27 June 1945.

25 May 1945 -Alsos Munich office established by Capt. Matting.

8 June 1945- Air Marshal Sir N.H. Bottomley, British Air Ministry, commends Alsos Mission for results of Bacteriological Warfare investigations.

30 June 1945-Alsos Munich office closed, personnel returning to Heidelberg.

1 July 1945 -Major Fisher opens Alsos Liaison office with Field Intelligence Agency, Technical, USPFI at Frankfurt, Germany.

13 July 1945-Alsos Northern Base at Gottingen closed, consolidated with Alsos southern base at Heidelberg.

28 July 1945-Colonel Fash leads party of fourteen Alsos personnel into Berlin. Three weeks of exploiting targets.

14 Aug 1945- Maj. General Groves commends Dr. Goudsmit for investigations of enemy developments of atomic bomb.

29 Aug 1945- Colonel Fash returns to Washington.

4 Sept 1945 - Dr. Bush, Director of Office of Scientific Research and Development, commends Dr. Goudsmit and his group for investigations of enemy developments of atomic bomb.

20 Sept 1945- Major Blake returns to Washington.

30 Sept 1945- Alsos Advance base at Heidelberg closed.

30 Sept 1945- Announcement of award of Legion of Merit to Colonel Pash and the Bronze Star to Lt. Col. Eckman, Lt. Col. Ham, Maj. Fisher, Capt. Augustine, 1st Lt. Rosenberger, and Tech. Sgt. Lolli.

2 Oct 1945 - Alsos Liaison office in FIAT closed at Frankfurt.

25 Oct 1945 - Alsos Paris office closed. Records moved to Foreign Branch, MIS, War Department, Washington, D. C.

31 Oct 1945 - Lt. Col. Eckman and Capt. W. W. Ryan return to War Department.

15 Nov 1945 - Alsos Advisory Committee disbanded.

15 Nov 1945 - Mission inactivated by directed of the AC of S, G-2, War Department.

1 Dec 1945 - Alsos reports and records consolidated with records of Military Intelligence Service, War Department.

